

**Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2009 5:00 PM District Office**

Members Present:

Adam Hall
Ed Engelau
Shane Meier
Daryn Romine

Members Absent:

Justin Gelfius

Others Attending:

Heather Siesel
Christine Goldstein
Cheryl Wright
Adam Heichelbech
Tara Wessler
Mike Ferree
Melissa Sporleder

Financial Report- Financial reports for November presented and approved.

Minutes- Minutes for the November 19, 2009 meeting presented.

Staff Reports:

Mike Ferree – Reminded that January 15th – Ag and Livestock mtg is at convention center.

Melissa Sporleder- Reported on ECAP and FEMA reimbursement. Reviewed the landfill inspection. Reported on the annual meeting, Dan Fleming will emcee and Brian Cops will be the speaker, the January newsletter is at the printers. Regarding the annual report, the newspaper can no longer do the report for free; they will be providing us with estimates soon. Announced the 2010 budget amount (33989.00) this is an increase from last yrs budget.

Adam Heichelbech- Announced that we are the first county to have all of our aerial slides digitized. Presented Cheryl with a NRCS vest in appreciation for all her hard work with this project. 2010 guidelines for EQIP and WHIP were discussed; CSP sign up is ongoing at this time. Adam announced he will be reassigned to Indianapolis for several weeks starting January 12, 2009. Adam announced details about the Mississippi Rive Basin Initiative, more details to follow at a later date.

Cheryl Wright- Announced last day and expressed her appreciation in being here.

Heather Siesel- Reported on quarterly 319 meeting with IDEM, we are on track with progress. Kid's commons contract has been terminated – proposal of funds was reviewed and approved by the board. There were 1160 hours of usage for the creek lab at kid's commons. Reported on HRW instructor training brought back ideas and materials for a possible field day.

Christine Goldstein- Reported on the Ag survey and comments were reviewed. Reported that she is making changes to the watershed management plan based upon IDEM's review of the plan. Reminded board that there is still cost share dollars available.

Tara Wessler – Reported on the CWI grant, the grant has been approved but the money has not been released. Reported that ISDA budget has altered her ability to be at all meetings but that she will be available by blackberry at all times.

Old Business

Kidscommons contract- The contract has been terminated and the remaining funds disbursed among the 319 grant budget.

CWI grant- Grant has been approved. We are awaiting the funds to be released from ISDA.

IASWCD Annual Meeting- The board approved the increase in cost for Heather and Christine to attend.

Vehicle Purchase- A 2002 Ford Explorer was purchased and we are awaiting insurance coverage through Farm Bureau Insurance.

Annual Meeting- Dan Fleming will be the emcee; Brian Copes from the National Guard will be the speaker. .

Supervisor Nominations- Dennis Brooks has accepted the nomination and Eric Schiedt will be added at to the ballot at the annual meeting

Ag Survey Social Indicators- The project would like the Board's input. Board will get back to us by mid December and was given a copy of the survey.

Local Working Group- Adam reviewed the process for this meeting. Discussed the list of attendee's and the list of resource concerns.

River Lab Use Agreement- Heather reported that this is still being developed. Approved.

New Business

IASWCD Resolutions – These were distributed to each board member and reviewed.

Landfill Inspection - Melissa did this with Jay Perkins, Lee Johnson and Tim Holtz. There were no concerns or irregularities regarding the landfill and processes conducted there.

Next meeting- Next meeting will be held January 28, 2010.

